

PUBLIC HEARING
REGARDING SPECIAL SERVICE AREA NUMBER 16

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1 The proceedings taken before Gina Marie
2 Zangara, CSR, on August 13th, 2013, at the hour
3 of 6:00 p.m., at 485 North Milwaukee Avenue,
4 Lake Villa, Illinois.

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6 LAKE COUNTY BOARD:

7 AARON LAWLOR, CHAIR
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CRAIG TAYLOR
10 TOM WEBER
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11 PAT CAREY
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12 DIANE HEWITT
LINDA PEDERSEN

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14 APPEARANCES:

15 MR. DAN JASICA, appeared on behalf of the Board.

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1 MR. LAWLOR: Good evening
2 everyone. Thank you for taking the time to join
3 us this evening. I would like to welcome and
4 acknowledge all of the elected officials that
5 are in attendance representing Lake County, as
6 well as the Villages of Lake Villa and
7 Lindenhurst. (Whereupon the list was read)

8 Will everyone please stand at
9 this time and join me in reciting the Pledge of
10 Allegiance?

11 (Pledge of Allegiance)

12 The time is now 6:00. I
13 officially call to order the public hearing for
14 the Special Service Area #16 and ask that a roll
15 call be taken for all County Board members
16 present.

17 MR. WALLER: Member Pedersen?

18 MEMBER PEDERSEN: Here.

19 MR. WALLER: Member Hewitt?

20 MEMBER HEWITT: Here.

21 MR. WALLER: Member Weber?

22 MEMBER WEBER: Here.

23 MR. WALLER: Member Carter?

24 MEMBER CARTER: Here.

1 MR. WALLER: Member Carey?

2 MEMBER CAREY: Here.

3 MR. WALLER: Member Carlson?

4 MEMBER CARLSON: Here.

5 MR. WALLER: Member Durkin?

6 MEMBER DURKIN: Here.

7 MR. WALLER: Member O'Kelly?

8 MEMBER O'KELLY: Here.

9 MR. WALLER: Member Sauer?

10 MEMBER SAUER: Here.

11 MR. WALLER: Member Lawlor?

12 MEMBER LAWLOR: Here.

13 MR. WALLER: Member Taylor?

14 MEMBER TAYLOR: Here.

15 MR. WALLER: Member Maine?

16 MEMBER MAINE: Here.

17 MR. LAWLOR: The purpose of this
18 meeting of the County Board is to hold a public
19 hearing to consider the establishment of Special
20 Service Area #16 of the County consisting of
21 certain territory of the County as more fully
22 described in the SSA Proposing Ordinance adopted
23 by the County Board on June 11, 2013.

24 The Special Service Area is being

1 established for the purpose of providing
2 improvements and extensions to the existing
3 water supply system to provide access to Lake
4 Michigan water through the existing system of
5 the Central Lake County Joint Action Water
6 Agency.

7 Public notices were mailed to all
8 property owners and taxpayers of record for
9 parcels within the SSA boundary at the beginning
10 of July. All persons desiring to be heard on
11 any issue embodied in that notice, including all
12 persons owning taxable property located within
13 the Special Service Area, will have an
14 opportunity to present written or oral testimony
15 at this hearing.

16 For the purpose of managing the
17 comment portion of the hearing, I appoint Daniel
18 Jasica, Chief Deputy States Attorney, as the
19 parliamentarian. The rules of procedure for
20 this hearing are as follows.

21 First, any interested person
22 wishing to speak at this public hearing shall
23 complete and submit to the Chair a completed
24 speaking request form. Second, each individual

1 may speak only once and shall be limited to 7
2 minutes maximum.

3 Third, individuals with similar
4 interests and concerns are encouraged to
5 coordinate their participation at the hearing so
6 as to avoid repetitive or redundant statements.
7 Fourth, members of the County Board will not be
8 addressing specific comments or questions at
9 this time. This ensures that all interested
10 parties have an opportunity to present oral
11 testimony. Representatives from Lake County and
12 the Villages of Lake Villa and Lindenhurst are
13 happy to answer any questions and will be
14 available to do so at the conclusion of this
15 hearing.

16 The reason for the proposed
17 establishment of the Special Service Area is to
18 provide special municipal services to all
19 property owners within the area reflected by the
20 maps and list of PINs identified in the public
21 notice and depicted on boards around the room.

22 Generally this represents
23 properties within the municipal boundaries of
24 the Village of Lake Villa, the Village of

1 Lindenhurst, and the unincorporated areas served
2 by the Grandwood Park and Fox Lake Hills water
3 systems.

4 The special municipal services
5 include improvements and extensions to the
6 existing water supply system to provide access
7 to Lake Michigan water. This will be achieved
8 through connections to the existing water system
9 of the Central Lake County Joint Action Water
10 Agency, commonly known as CLCJAWA. Special
11 service area bonds in an amount not to exceed 46
12 million dollars would be issued to pay for the
13 special services through ad valorem property
14 taxes.

15 The Village of Lindenhurst and
16 the Village of Lake Villa have each approved a
17 resolution of intent to proceed with the Lake
18 Michigan Water Project and to participate in the
19 establishment of the Special Service Area.

20 Lake County and the Villages of
21 Lindenhurst and Lake Villa have each held
22 numerous public open house meetings to educate
23 residents and property owners about this
24 project. Different mailings, brochures,

1 websites, and automated phone calls were used as
2 a means to spread the word about these meetings.

3 However, we understand that not
4 everyone has attended or may have read the
5 information. So to further explain the details
6 of the Lake Michigan Water Project and the
7 establishment of the Special Service Area, the
8 Project Manager, Mr. Bill Balling of WRB, LLC
9 will now provide a brief informational
10 presentation on the project details.

11 MR. BALLING: Thank you, Mr.
12 Chairman. Good evening. Bill Balling. What I
13 would like to do is address the public hearing
14 audience and County Board as well. As the
15 Chairman pointed out, this is a quorum of the
16 Lake County Board that has been organized here
17 this evening and called to order in pursuit of
18 the consideration of the establishment of
19 Special Service District Number 16 for the
20 County. Lake Villa, Lindenhurst, and Lake
21 County are partnering to bring Lake Michigan
22 water to those villages and Grandwood Park and
23 Fox Lake Hills by 2017.

24 Independent studies commissioned

1 by these agencies have confirmed that converting
2 the existing groundwater supply to Lake Michigan
3 water will provide the highest quality
4 sustainable water supply. The Central Lake
5 County Joint Action Water Agency, which I will
6 be referring to as CLCJAWA, is a wholesale water
7 provider currently serving 9 communities in Lake
8 County and has invited the project partners to
9 join their system.

10 Accepting this invitation will
11 allow us to become full agency members and
12 facilitate the purchase of our full water supply
13 needs from them. Let me talk a little bit about
14 the overall conclusions of our study. All of
15 the water systems are experiencing similar water
16 quality and quantity challenges reflected
17 through independent reports, customer feedback,
18 and our own observations.

19 Our communities have studied
20 expanding the use of both the shallow and the
21 deep aquifers for future water supply. Although
22 the level of concern varies by community, both
23 shallow and deep aquifers carry supply and
24 quality risks. Simply put, the current water

1 demands -- current water systems cannot meet
2 either current or future water demands for these
3 areas.

4 Pursuing Lake Michigan water to
5 replace our current groundwater supply is the
6 most cost effective, long-term option when
7 considering both water supply and water quality.
8 An analysis of the current water well systems
9 indicates improvements are necessary to meet our
10 current and future needs. The expense to
11 improve our groundwater well system would
12 actually be more than pursuing Lake Michigan
13 water supply options.

14 Lake Michigan water is a very
15 high quality natural water source -- supply and
16 is sustainable for the long-term. Hundreds of
17 metropolitan Chicago communities have converted
18 their groundwater supply to lake water since the
19 early 1980s and have realized the benefits of
20 Lake Michigan water.

21 Some of those benefits are listed
22 on this slide here. Lake County and the
23 Villages of Lindenhurst and Lake Villa have an
24 allocation they received from the State of

1 Illinois to draw water from Lake Michigan and
2 now we are focused on how do we deliver that
3 water system in the most economic and efficient
4 matter.

5 This is Special Service Area 16.
6 I should point out that most of you have seen
7 our boards on the side and they will be
8 available throughout the evening. In order to
9 proceed with the Lake Michigan water project and
10 extend the CLCJAWA water transmission lines to
11 each community, Special Service Area Number 16
12 is essential and needs to be established.

13 The map which shows the
14 properties in color are the areas within the SSA
15 area. And again, you can -- they are available
16 throughout this hearing to take a closer look at
17 the specifics. In terms of cost impacts, there
18 are 2 important financing elements being pursued
19 to minimize the cost impact on the property
20 owners.

21 The first is to phase the
22 financing, as many of the residents have
23 mentioned to us, so that the full tax impact of
24 the project can be deferred as long as possible

1 until construction begins. This table then
2 demonstrates the phased structure of the
3 financing in the early years.

4 The second financing element
5 which we wish to pursue is an Illinois
6 Environmental Protection Agency low interest
7 loan for the actual construction work through
8 CLCJAWA. IEPA 20 year loans are priced less
9 than half of the current market rates and are
10 reserved for priority infrastructure in the
11 State for which this project qualifies. If the
12 financing were improved today, the IEPA loan
13 rate for a 20 year loan would be 1.93 percent.

14 A portion of the cost of
15 this project will come from the SSA real estate
16 tax component which is based on property value.
17 This type of financing is the most appropriate
18 cost effective means to fund a capital project
19 of this magnitude. The other portion of the
20 project's cost is the water rate component that
21 will be in effect once the water is delivered.

22 This expense covers the
23 purchase of water from CLCJAWA. The table on
24 this slide shows and represents those costs. By

1 illustration, if the SSA were approved, you
2 would see a line item on your property tax bill
3 for the Lake County Special Service Area Number
4 16.

5 In addition, you will also
6 see a line for a CLCJAWA tax of \$30 per year
7 which expires in 2018. What this means is that
8 for a property, for a \$200,000 market value
9 home, consuming an average 6000 gallons per
10 month, a property owner would pay approximately
11 \$21 more in taxes and \$16.56 more in water
12 charges per month. That roughly is equivalent
13 to a bottle of water purchase on a daily basis
14 or about \$40 a month.

15 The actual monthly utility bill
16 for Lake Michigan water including sewer service
17 should be about \$65. Now, that number will vary
18 slightly from community to community and does
19 not reflect the property tax component. But we
20 have found that slide to be very beneficial in
21 people understanding the context and impact of
22 receiving this water.

23 Let me speak for a minute on
24 the benefits of CLCJAWA membership. CLCJAWA

1 produces a very high quality Lake Michigan water
2 within the State and has done so with a 100
3 percent performance track record for over 20
4 years.

5 Since we will be connecting to
6 their existing system, the benefits of the
7 current treatment plant located in Lake Bluff
8 and the transmission lines that are located
9 throughout Central Lake County greatly reduces
10 the construction cost when compared to building
11 an entirely new system for our members.

12 Our collaborative
13 arrangement with CLCJAWA also eliminates any
14 unnecessary duplication of facilities, which is
15 a good government practice. CLCJAWA has agreed
16 to pursue and has applied for the low interest
17 IEPA capital funding for this project.

18 Now, this slide shows the
19 conceptual supply map. Shown in blue is the
20 extension of the CLCJAWA system to service our
21 area. Notice that each community water system
22 will have its own connection point to the new
23 transmission lines. The specific routing for
24 the new pipes will be one of the first

1 engineering design tasks undertaken once the SSA
2 is approved.

3 The anticipated project
4 schedule shown on this slide is both focused and
5 aggressive as we seek to deliver Lake Michigan
6 water to you by 2017. Our focus in 2013 will be
7 the establishment of the SSA District, the first
8 phase of financing to begin the engineering
9 design, and completion of financing and
10 authorization of a design contract for that
11 purpose.

12 2014 will actually be a year
13 that will focus on route selection and final
14 engineering. 2015 marks the start of the
15 physical construction of the project which will
16 be wrapped up in 2017. So for 2013, our steps
17 here that we need to take is of course the
18 importance of this public hearing here tonight,
19 receiving your comments, and have the County
20 Board evaluating those comments.

21 Then the County Board will be
22 considering the establishment of the ordinance
23 of the SSA 16 on November 12, 2013. Also later
24 in November, the first SSA bonds will be issued

1 to support the engineering design also in
2 November of 2013. Then the CLCJAWA engineering
3 contract we expect to be authorized in December
4 of 2013 for the physical design of the system.

5 Thank you very much for your time
6 this evening. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

7 MR. LAWLOR: All right. Just a
8 couple more things before we get to your
9 comments. I would much rather hear from you
10 then be talking all this time. I would like to
11 open the floor to any County Board members who
12 have comments. Any Board members who would like
13 to make a comment?

14 MR. WEBER: I would just like to
15 thank everybody for coming out tonight. I
16 really haven't? Received any emails. It will
17 be much easier for us to make decisions on this
18 being able to hear your comments.

19 MR. LAWLOR: Okay. All right.
20 It doesn't seem that we have any other -- are
21 there any other comments from Board members?
22 Member Pedersen?

23 MS. PEDERSEN: I appreciate all
24 of you coming out this evening, taking the time

1 to come out and get as much information as you
2 possible can. Please know that all of us
3 sitting up here will listen diligently to your
4 comments and what you have to say. Thank you
5 very much for coming out this evening.

6 MR. LAWLOR: Hopefully the mic
7 cooperates. With no other comments from Board
8 members, I would like to reiterate for the
9 public that no such Special Service Area or
10 bonds may be issued if a petition objecting to
11 the creation of the area or the issuance of the
12 bonds for the provision of the Special Service
13 Area is signed by at least 51 percent of
14 electors residing within the area, and by at
15 least 51 percent of the owners of record of the
16 land included within the boundaries of the area
17 as filed with the County Clerk within 60 days
18 following the final adjournment of this hearing.

19 Any written comments
20 submitted to the Clerk's office prior to the
21 hearing or submitted at this hearing will be
22 sent to all Board members and be available at
23 the County Clerk's office for public viewing.

24 Prior to today's hearing, I

1 recognized receipt of written comments from the
2 following individuals. Mr. Mike Tulley with the
3 Forest Preserve. He states as discussed, please
4 remove the above referenced PIN from SSA 16 as
5 it was included in error. Thank you for your
6 attention to this matter. Mike Tulley

7 We also received written comment
8 from Helga Veem (phonetic) She states my name is
9 Helga Veem. I live in unincorporated Lake
10 Villa. It states her address. I have a well,
11 and I'm not connected to any municipal water
12 supply. How will this proposal affect me if
13 passed? Do I have to have my home connected to
14 the Village water supply? Who is going to pay
15 for it? My home is 350 to 400 feet from the
16 road. Or am I exempt from having to
17 participate? Please respond.

18 That is the conclusion of
19 all written comments received. Everyone who is
20 intending to speak at this event, at this time
21 if you could stand and raise your right hand so
22 you could be sworn in.

23 (Public sworn)

24 MR. LAWLOR: Thank you very much.

1 At this time I would like to open the floor for
2 oral testimony or any public comment concerning
3 the establishment of the Special Service Area
4 and the issuance of the SSA bonds from the
5 public.

6 I also ask that everyone
7 please abide by the rules set forth earlier in
8 this meeting. Our parliamentarian will enforce
9 these rules in an effort to make the process
10 proceed in a timely fashion and as fairly as
11 possible to hear from all of our commenters here
12 tonight.

13 MR. JASICA: The first 3 speakers
14 are Tom Girardi, Ernie Masucci, and Fred
15 Natschke. I would ask that you come on up,
16 especially the first person, but the other
17 people who are second and third be ready to go
18 so that we don't waste any time. And 7 minutes
19 per commenter.

20 So Mr. Girardi?

21 MR. GIRARDI: No comment.

22 MR. JASICA: Okay. No comment
23 from Mr. Girardi. Ernie Masucci?

24 MR. MASUCCI: Good evening. I

1 will be brief. We are in unincorporated Lake
2 County a little bit to the east of Grandwood
3 Park. We would like to know who to contact or
4 who we could possibly contact and if we could
5 participate in this also.

6 We were wondering about the
7 size of the pipes and whether it will be able to
8 accommodate any of our homes. And what the
9 process would be, if we could participate with
10 our subdivision also possibly, or at least be in
11 the conversation. That's it.

12 MR. JASICA: Fred Natschke and
13 Bill Wood and Bill Maxwell?

14 MR. NATSCHKE: My name is Fred
15 Natschke. I live in Lake Villa. The main
16 concern I'm against the Lake Michigan water just
17 because right now our taxes are becoming
18 impossible for us to sustain. My actual taxes
19 cost more than my mortgage.

20 I love living in Lake
21 County. I mean I work for the State of
22 Illinois. But the fact is I can't afford to
23 live in the State of Illinois. I mean we are
24 the highest tax up here. And it is just -- it

1 is money is what it is. It is costing us just
2 too much. You know, my property taxes are
3 through the roof. My property taxes cost more
4 than my mortgage.

5 That to me is -- you know,
6 for a young guy trying to make it, it is an
7 impossibility. I know what the paperwork says
8 here will always be different than what you
9 actually get. I mean you are going by what a
10 contractor or whoever else, you know -- there is
11 no guarantee. There is always delays. I know
12 because I deal with it every day. But it is
13 just -- it is not an affordability. I thank you
14 for allowing me to speak.

15 MR. JASICA: Bill Wood?

16 MR. WOOD: Hi. I have a problem
17 with the honesty of politicians nowadays. So I
18 was very disappointed when back here I see
19 pictures of Cedar Lake. One in 2011, one in
20 2012. One has low levels, one has high levels.
21 I'm disappointed there wasn't a picture of 2013
22 because it was at its highest level it has been
23 in 5 years in the Spring of 2013.

24 So I think I feel there is a

1 little bit of deception here giving people who
2 don't know better information that really in my
3 opinion is not right. How do I know? I fish
4 Cedar Lake. I know what the levels are all the
5 time.

6 Another thing I would like to say
7 is -- and by the way, I'm not necessarily
8 against this thing. But there is a bike path
9 going underneath -- I think it is still under
10 construction, underneath Highway 132. It is a
11 very big ordeal. Some of the lanes were closed
12 down.

13 I would rather see tax
14 dollars going to something like this other than
15 to something like a bike path going underneath
16 Highway 132. One last thing is the 51 percent
17 thing, and 51 percent of the homeowners to -- if
18 we can get a petition with 51 percent of those
19 people agreeing that this shouldn't happen, why
20 not do a referendum instead?

21 I think that it would be
22 extremely difficult, almost impossible in 60
23 days to get those signatures. So I think it is
24 not a great way to do it. If you really want to

1 know what the people in this area think, do a
2 referendum. You might see that there is not
3 enough time for that, but we have known this
4 problem has been here for quite a while.

5 I know that this has been
6 measured in years now because some years ago I
7 got a letter in the mail about radium in the
8 water. People were talking about getting water
9 from a different source then.

10 So I'm kind of disappointed
11 that this isn't a referendum instead of this
12 petition stuff. So thank you very much.

13 MR. JASICA: Bill Maxwell, and
14 Mike DeRossi, and Anita Fritzlek?

15 MR. MAXWELL: Good evening.
16 Thanks for the opportunity. I'm probably not
17 real happy with a lot of things that go on in
18 politics either. Not happy about my tax rates.
19 In fact some of the things that go on scare me a
20 little bit. But probably one of the things that
21 scares me more is perhaps trying to sell my
22 house in 5 years and 15 years and not having
23 Lake Michigan water.

24 I figured some applause

1 would stop on that one. We all lost lots of
2 money in the downturn of 2007, 2008. Some of it
3 has come back for many people. What we have
4 lost that hasn't come back is our housing
5 values. I am very concerned about being in an
6 area where I compete with houses to sell on the
7 other side of Grand Avenue that have a real leg
8 up on me from a housing standpoint, and those
9 are people in Gurnee and Grayslake who already
10 have the advantage of Lake Michigan water.

11 I am very much concerned
12 about what it will do long-term. I don't want
13 to pay the taxes. I would like to see some
14 taxes come from other places, but I don't think
15 this is something that we can stop. That's my
16 opinion. Thank you.

17 MR. JASICA: Mike DeRossi?
18 Nobody? Anita Fritzlek and Robert Frank and
19 Karen Proper?

20 MS. FRITZLEK: I have just a
21 couple of questions, and I would like to say
22 while I appreciate the lovely boards in the back
23 and some of the mail I got, I really would
24 respectfully like to request that instead of, I

1 don't know, the bulk of what I have here in my
2 mailing is the ongoing saga of the description
3 of exactly where this is going to go. What I
4 would like to see is some paperwork of this size
5 that is what you presented and flipped through
6 really, really quickly tonight.

7 I appreciate you respecting
8 our time, you know. I know you want to get
9 through this real quickly. But I need -- maybe
10 I'm a slow learner. I need more time to look at
11 those things that you had on your power point
12 and really digest it to understand what we are
13 getting into.

14 I am in favor of another
15 source of water. It is obvious what is
16 happening here is happening in many states
17 across the United States. The reality is we do
18 need another source of water. So I'm not
19 totally against it, but we want to know what we
20 are getting into. How long are we going to be
21 having the tax increase monthly?

22 That slide went by faster
23 than I could take it in. So I would really like
24 to have some handouts or another mailing that

1 doesn't have so much filler and more content.
2 Then I'm a little confused, and this is just my
3 own deficit I guess, but I have heard, and this
4 is what happens when you just hear, that this is
5 going to -- we are going to tie into Lake
6 Forest. And now I'm hearing we are tying into
7 Lake Bluff. So that's a question right there.

8 What I would like to know is
9 they warn us against eating the fish from Lake
10 Michigan because of the elevated mercury levels.
11 If we are going to tie into Lake Forest, if we
12 are going to tie into Lake Bluff, I would like
13 to know what their mercury levels are, if they
14 are getting their water from Lake Michigan.
15 What will our mercury levels be? Thank you.

16 MR. JASICA: Robert Frank, Karen
17 Proper, and Terren Robb?

18 MR. FRANK: Good evening. I
19 don't like taxes either. I think that's kind of
20 a slam dunk for everybody. I don't want my
21 water bill to be higher than my mortgage. I
22 have lived in this town since 1982. I have
23 known about the problem for many, many years
24 here. I have been explained how our deep wells

1 are mixing with our shallow wells. Our shallow
2 wells are running dry.

3 My concern goes back to 20
4 years back, and Pat Carey can attest to this, I
5 had approached JAWA to see if Lake Villa could
6 jump onto the bandwagon once JAWA got
7 established. At that time we were told not a
8 chance. At that time we were told a huge
9 number, and it is 18 some odd years ago. It was
10 going to be 80 plus million dollars. There was
11 no way Lake Villa could do that at that time.

12 We looked at our well
13 situation. Lake Villa felt hey, we can mix our
14 shallow well water with our deep well water and
15 make it work. Unfortunately our aquifer is
16 dropping to the point now -- and I'm no expert.
17 I'm no engineer. But I have got to believe that
18 this is accurate information. My concern is if
19 we don't pursue the Lake Michigan water, if we
20 do run dry, what is going to be our alternative?

21 You talk about real estate
22 values. I'm involved in real estate. I know I
23 can't sell real estate without water. People in
24 Texas are going to learn that very soon. This

1 is a body of water that we can tap. We get this
2 allocation once I believe. I don't think we can
3 come back and tap it again. Without Lake
4 Michigan water, we will have a definite impact
5 on our real estate values.

6 I do support this work that
7 CLCJAWA is doing right now in allowing Lake
8 Villa, Lindenhurst, Fox Lake Hills, Grandwood
9 Park to tie to this water system because this is
10 a long-term solution. Unfortunately it would be
11 very shortsighted to deal with the shallow wells
12 and mixing with deep well water that has radium
13 impacting it right now.

14 I'm in support of it. I
15 would like to try to persuade some other people
16 to be in support of it. I don't like paying for
17 it, but I don't think we have much of a choice.
18 Thanks for letting me speak.

19 MR. JASICA: Karen Proper, Terren
20 Robb, and Marietta Litke?

21 MS. PROPER: Karen Proper. My
22 question is first when will these answers be
23 answered and where will they be given?

24 MR. LAWLOR: Thank you. I had a

1 couple questions from my Board, and I was
2 actually going to break in. People will be
3 responded to individually, but we are also going
4 to be sharing the questions and answers on our
5 website.

6 It is also a good idea if
7 you signed in, if you didn't give us your email,
8 it will be great to have your email address so
9 we can make sure we get the information directly
10 to you.

11 MS. PROPER: Perfect. My other
12 question is regarding the water supply. When
13 all of the new subdivisions were being built,
14 was there a water supply study done prior to
15 that, prior to the approval to build the
16 subdivision Stranton Oaks, the Shires, and all
17 the other new ones that would fall within the
18 Grandwood well district?

19 And if that study was done,
20 is it available for public view? And why wasn't
21 some of the infrastructure cost for all of this
22 water, knowing that this day was coming, why
23 wasn't some of, that passed on to the
24 developers?

1 Also, are there other
2 alternatives, sources to fund this because in
3 Stranton Oaks on my tax bill, I already pay an
4 SSA, NLFPA #9 at \$330.52 a year before any of my
5 other taxes. So to pay another SSA on top of
6 all the other normal taxes that continue to go
7 up, it is going to price us right out of the
8 State.

9 MR. JASICA: Terren Robb,
10 Marietta Litke, Dan Tybon?

11 MS. LITKE: I'm Marietta Litke.
12 Good evening. I think we have all read a lot of
13 newspaper articles that call into question there
14 is just too many variances. I read one article
15 where a \$200,000 home, an assessed value, which
16 is so much different than market value, would be
17 \$516 in additional taxes.

18 I'm not really thrilled
19 about Lake Michigan's water. I think Deerfield
20 just came in to getting Lake Michigan water, and
21 this week they had a boiling alert. They are
22 always closing beaches in Chicago because of
23 various bacteria count.

24 Also I understand that Lake

1 Villa has plenty of deep water, and the shallow
2 wells are dependent upon rainfall. We had an
3 abundant amount of that this year. It's the
4 other areas such as Lindenhurst that have no
5 deep water wells.

6 I see on the written thing
7 that there is a possible second levy of taxes
8 should more money be coming into play. Quite
9 frankly, it is just an absence of any interstate
10 northwest highway, which we never had. You
11 can't get anywhere out in Lake County unless you
12 go to the highway.

13 This is just very, very
14 expensive for a lot of people. Now, will this
15 275 per gallon of water have sewage assessed to
16 it as well, because the sewage rate is sky high.
17 I guess that's it. Thank you.

18 MR. JASICA: Dan Tybon, Marc
19 Lilteureux, and Mike Butler? And please when
20 you start, please state your name so the court
21 reporter can get it.

22 MR. TYBON: Hi. My name is Dan
23 Tybon. I'm not against this, but I'm not sure
24 the funding is being done properly. I don't

1 feel taxation is the way to do it. We have not
2 had a vote. I think the gentleman mentioned a
3 referendum. I think it would be by far the
4 better way of doing this rather than just
5 sticking this on our taxes.

6 As many people have said,
7 our tax are already beyond what we can stand.
8 And this is not the way to do it. I think there
9 is other referendums, general obligation bonds,
10 or something else. But taxing us again on
11 something that is -- Lake County water supply
12 should have been planning this far longer than
13 just in the immediate day.

14 Years and years ago it
15 should have been looked at. Not just a bond
16 referendum that came up all of a sudden and is
17 being tacked on to our taxes. My second comment
18 is I'm not sure the way they are taxing it is
19 proper. They are looking at doing it as an
20 assessed value instead of just a hookup fee.
21 Sewage and everything else comes at a hookup fee
22 which is a standard for all homeowners in the
23 area.

24 This is being assessed at

1 your value. If your value goes up, you have
2 taken care of your house, and it is valued a
3 little bit more than your neighbors, you are
4 paying more for the same water than your
5 neighbors are paying for. That's my comment.

6 MR. JASICA: Marc Lilteureux,
7 Mike Butler, and Paul Schmidt? Please state
8 your name.

9 MR. LILTEUREUX: Hello. I'm Marc
10 Lilteureux. On the SSA loan itself, it is on my
11 property taxes. What happens to the loan when I
12 try to sell my house? Am I responsible solely
13 on my portion of the loan when I try to sell the
14 house? Is it transferrable to the new
15 homeowner? What are the legal implications of
16 the SSA loan that affects the values of the
17 property? Thank you.

18 MR. JASICA: Mike Butler, Paul
19 Schmidt, and Mark Kerpon?

20 MR. BUTLER: I am Mike Butler. I
21 recognize that we need another resource for
22 water. Just to clarify, Lake Michigan is not an
23 endless supply. I have seen a lot of comments
24 about, you know, Lake Michigan water is, you

1 know, an indefinite resource. It is not. With
2 the interest rates increasing, if this does
3 continue, is there an opportunity to have the
4 bonds issued earlier?

5 What I mean by that is not
6 doing it in 2 phases so we can take advantage of
7 the low interest rates that are available now
8 rather than waiting a couple years, because
9 obviously we have an interest to make this as
10 inexpensive as possible for all the taxpayers.

11 The other thing, I am
12 interested in receiving the slides. I don't
13 know if those are available to be emailed out to
14 those that provided the email address. But I
15 believe there is a comment that our allocation,
16 in order to take that, that we have to be in
17 operation by 2016. Was that a fair statement
18 based on the slides?

19 If it was, the project plan
20 that we have, we will not get water until 2017
21 or '18 so what does that mean? Do we not get
22 our allocation? I am hearing conflicting
23 information based on slides that were presented
24 and the FAQ's. Thank you.

1 MR. JASICA: Paul Schmidt, Mark
2 Kerpon, and Fred Cashmore?

3 MR. SCHMIDT: Hello. My name is
4 Paul Schmidt. I live in the old part of
5 Lindenhurst, just a couple blocks north of the
6 Eagle and True Value. You know where the area
7 is. I am not on a city hookup. I'm on a
8 private well. I always thought this was a great
9 thing until I burned out 2 well pumps due to the
10 water dropping below the bottom of the well.

11 I have had the well company
12 come out. They have gone down as deep as they
13 can without going to a deep well, which would be
14 phenomenally expensive. Other people on my
15 street have had the same issue. It's not just
16 the street. I have had many long conversations
17 with the Village Engineer in Lindenhurst, and
18 this is not a new issue.

19 I know it is new to some
20 people, but I have been following this for
21 years. It is a great concern to me and many
22 other people who have seen their water cut off.
23 If you think something is expensive, wait until
24 you can't sell your house, and you have to buy

1 your water at the Jewel in gallon jugs. That's
2 all I have to say. Thank you.

3 MR. JASICA: Mark Kerpon, Fred
4 Cashmore, and then Joan Nicolay?

5 MR. KERPON: Mark Kerpon. I
6 would like to voice my concern that Lake
7 Michigan water isn't an endless supply. I think
8 the term that was used in the presentation
9 information was that it is a long-term
10 sustainable water source.

11 You know, I'm in a quality
12 organization where I work, and we can't use
13 obtuse words like long-term. To me long-term
14 doesn't mean very much. I am wondering what
15 long-term means. I'm also very concerned about
16 an environmental standpoint that as more and
17 more communities continue to go onto the Lake
18 Michigan water source, there will be some burden
19 on that source. We can't neglect that today for
20 something that could happen in the future.

21 I'm also concerned about the
22 delivery. I didn't see anything in the
23 information about -- I saw for the first time
24 here some pipe sizing. But as you continue to

1 come off that main feedline and go further and
2 further out to your homes, water flow and water
3 pressure is going to be impacted.

4 I am not sure I have seen
5 anything about what the predicted engineering
6 specs are for that water flow and water pressure
7 to be when it reaches my faucet. Right now I
8 have no concerns about that. But I hate to have
9 that be something worse than I might have now.

10 I think that's all the concerns I
11 have. Thank you.

12 MR. JASICA: Fred Cashmore, Joan
13 Nicolay, Sam Verga?

14 MR. CASHMORE: How are you doing
15 tonight? Fred Cashmore. I don't read
16 newspapers. I don't have time to. My wife and
17 I are just making ends meet now with our taxes.
18 We have trustees and stuff just living down the
19 street. No one has ever come through and said
20 hey, our wells are running dry or anything like
21 that.

22 You know, I worked
23 construction for a few years, and you know, I
24 put in the station down there at Lake Bluff. It

1 was exciting, but I don't think Lake Michigan
2 water is our answer. I think our water is good
3 in Lake Villa. Nobody has ever said nothing
4 otherwise.

5 I agree with Fred Natschke
6 that you guys are taxing us right out of our
7 houses. We are one of the highest tax rates in
8 Lake County that I know of. So with that, if
9 anybody has got something else to say about it,
10 I would really appreciate somebody's feedback to
11 it. Thank you.

12 MR. JASICA: Joan Nicolay, Sam
13 Verga and Dominic Scardina?

14 MS. NICOLAY: I'm Joan Nicolay.
15 I thought we lived in a Democracy. I really
16 think something this important, this big, that
17 is basically a lot of people here are on a fixed
18 income. We are on a fixed income. We are
19 retired. I'm a retired teacher. Right now I'm
20 at the point in Illinois I can lose my pension.

21 I don't want to go on food
22 stamps, but I may be one that you are looking at
23 at the store. I think this needs to be put to a
24 referendum to the people. I'm sorry to the

1 gentleman that said the other side of the
2 tracks. My folks just passed away 3 and 4 years
3 ago. I was the trustee. I took care of their
4 home. They lived in Gurnee. They have Lake
5 Michigan water. I had no one ask me about their
6 water supply. No realtor did.

7 They have 1000 feet bigger
8 home than I have. I have 19, they had 29, and
9 their taxes were \$2000 less. I had the
10 homestead exemption. I have the senior
11 exemption, or my husband and I do, and so did my
12 folks. You know, Mr. Jeffrey Lee, I don't know
13 if he is here, but my house assessment keeps
14 going up. My taxes, he just moves the
15 multiplier up, up, up.

16 I'm paying \$300 more this
17 year. My house went down \$3000 worth in value.
18 I think we need referendums on this. Lake
19 Michigan water is not what it is made out to be.
20 There is a lot of problems there. I have family
21 in Lake Bluff, Gurnee. They also have their
22 problems.

23 I do think it should be put
24 to a referendum. 60 days -- to get a petition

1 out in 60 days, I have a hard time walking to
2 begin with. How can I go get all the
3 signatures? 51 percent of the village? Does
4 that mean just Lake Villa? If the petition is
5 signed, do I just get Lake Villa people or does
6 it have to be 51 percent of the entire area?
7 That's unbelievable in 60 days. How can it be
8 done? Thank you.

9 MR. JASICA: Sam Verga, Dominic
10 Scardina, and Rick Broquet?

11 MR. VERGA: No comment.

12 MR. SCARDINA: Dominic Scardina.
13 Hello everybody. A lot of you people know me
14 from church. But I have a few questions about
15 this whole thing. One is we got I think over
16 40,000 foreclosures in Lake County right now.
17 Are them people going to be taxed at \$40 a
18 month?

19 Another question is why do
20 we have to keep raising our taxes and raising
21 our taxes and raising our taxes? We all talk
22 about raising taxes. Where is it going to stop?
23 Number 2, the mailer that was sent out, I'm a
24 professional mailer. Susan Lahr knows that.

1 Why was that mailer sent out? At what rate?

2 First class postage?

3 How many people received that
4 mailer? I think to me it was a waste of money,
5 even though I'm a professional mailer. There
6 should have been an article in the paper with a
7 list of the index of all the property owners.

8 How much was spent on that? I don't know, but
9 I'm sure it was about \$2.50 a package. How many
10 packets were mailed out? I don't know, 40,000?
11 A lot of money wasted by the County Board.

12 Thank you.

13 MR. JASICA: Rick Broquet, Terry
14 Garrett?

15 MR. BROQUET: My name is Rick
16 Broquet. Couple of things I tend to like to
17 agree with is the statements I have heard here
18 from Dan and Mike saying that Lake Michigan and
19 the long term sustainability, I do question that
20 as well. It is at its lowest level it has been
21 in probably about 10 or 15 years.

22 If you have any doubt, go
23 down to the Waukegan harbor. You can see how
24 far it is from the pier down to the boat. That

1 is a significant drop of water for that large
2 body of water. That's an issue.

3 I also agree with the issue
4 that happened here in Deerfield with the fecal
5 matter that was found. They had a boiling
6 order. Lake Michigan isn't the total solution I
7 would think. However, my real objection is the
8 financing of this bond. I'm not particularly
9 found of the SSA financing.

10 Specifically when you look
11 at the terms that you are looking at for
12 financing, in the issue that you guys sent out,
13 it said the bonds are going to have rates not
14 exceeding 7 percent per annum or 125 percent of
15 the rate of the most recent date shown in the 20
16 year geo bonds index for the average municipal
17 bond yields. So you specified the exact finance
18 for which you are going to borrow.

19 The second paragraph says
20 that we the homeowners are going to retire the
21 bonds by levies or levies of direct annual taxes
22 on properties subject to taxation for the
23 services located within the area sufficient to
24 pay the interest on the bonds as they become

1 due.

2 Nothing about principal.
3 Nothing about interest or principal. And to
4 discharge the principal at maturity. So is this
5 a balloon payment? I'm not fond of balloon
6 payments. I would rather see it amortized over
7 the entire period of time. Balloon payments are
8 a dangerous precedent.

9 Then it says said direct annual
10 taxes shall be levied upon taxable property
11 within the area for the entire period that the
12 bonds or refund bonds shall be outstanding and
13 shall be unlimited as to the rate or amount in
14 addition to other taxes. I'm not sure what I
15 understand is unlimited. Unlimited scares the
16 hell out of me.

17 If I'm going to pay for
18 something, I want to get my capital costs, and I
19 want to make sure I can pay that off in a
20 reasonable period of time. I have done that
21 with my house. I expect the government to do
22 the same thing. What I don't care for is I
23 don't care for this unlimited access to my
24 wallet. That's unacceptable.

1 There were a couple of
2 proposals. Dan Tybon, sorry if I'm
3 mispronouncing your name. He says he was
4 against the financing. He offered some other
5 possible solutions like a general obligation
6 bond.

7 I like what you have here in
8 your frequently asked question where it says
9 special assessment. A special assessment makes
10 a lot more sense to me, where we as the
11 homeowners have the opportunity if we want to to
12 take care of our obligation to this issue as
13 quickly as we possible can, or we can leave it
14 stay for the entire period of time.

15 So I would like to see the
16 financing -- I would really like to see the
17 financing fixed, known, and any cost overruns is
18 on the contractor, not on the County. Anyhow,
19 that is that issue. Last is another piece that
20 was brought up that, I forgot who it was, anyhow
21 it was an interest rate risk.

22 Right now we have some low
23 interest rates. Extremely low. Interest rate
24 risk is a strong concern of mine. We can get --

1 we have never seen interest rates this low ever.
2 Why not go ahead and say let's take the money
3 out, and if you don't spend it, that's fine, but
4 you go ahead and put it into some sort of other
5 form of cash account while you go ahead and you
6 collect the total amount for all of it,
7 engineering costs as well as your capital bill
8 costs. Put that all together and pay off the
9 loan over that 30 year period of time.

10 I just -- the interest rate
11 risks scare the hell out of me because I went
12 through the 70's and 80's where I saw interest
13 rates go from 7 and a half percent for a
14 mortgage in mid '70s, '76, to when I went to buy
15 my house here in Lindenhurst in 1982 I paid 12
16 and a half percent for a mortgage on my house.
17 12 and a half percent for a mortgage. That's
18 huge.

19 People would just freak out
20 right now. They are complaining like heck if it
21 goes over 4 percent. I would rather see if you
22 are going to do this project get it at the
23 interest rates right now before 2016 because I'm
24 actually betting that the interest rates are

1 going to get up to 12, 14 percent some time in
2 the late decade here because of the
3 irresponsible spenders in Washington. That's my
4 opinion. I really would like to see better
5 financing. Thank you.

6 MR. JASICA: Terry Garrett,
7 Robert Johnson, and Karol Threadgill?

8 MR. GARRETT: Hello. My name is
9 Terry Garrett. I have been a resident of Lake
10 Villa for just a few years, but I am also
11 concerned about why there has been no long-term
12 planning starting 20 years ago with the last SSA
13 for water. Starting to then look at 20, 30, 50
14 years because this is not a mom and pop
15 operation where we say hey, we got to have more
16 money, let's go out and borrow.

17 I have a question. I have
18 seen 2 numbers floated about here. One for 43
19 million dollars in a power point display, and
20 then the mailing they talk about 46 million
21 dollars. Inflation? Deflation? Someone
22 explain that for me. If this was a
23 typographical error, it should have been a sign
24 outside stating such or should have been brought

1 up in the power point display.

2 The means of financing, I
3 agree with the previous gentleman that you got
4 to tell us what the cost is, over what term, and
5 lock it in. I don't know about you, but you
6 guys go over 12 percent, I'm going to be selling
7 my house and moving. As a matter of fact I am
8 planning on moving in about 6 years anyway.

9 Another question was brought
10 up earlier, I would like clarification on the
11 2016, 2017 thing. Do we have to use the water
12 by then or start pumping the water? Protection
13 against bacterial contaminants getting into the
14 system. Engineering studies done on that.
15 Looking out 5, 10 years, what will we need to
16 do?

17 Also something that has not
18 been brought up at all, but I am wondering
19 about, is this the total cost of the pipeline,
20 the connections to the local service providers,
21 the local villages? Or is there going to be
22 another tax imposed? Oh, we forgot about that.
23 Because I have seen this done in other
24 communities for other things. Is it -- was

1 there a study done on this, and if so who paid
2 for it? When and what were the results of the
3 study?

4 I'm just getting a little
5 tired of my government and my country lying to
6 me, not telling me about the costs up front or
7 what the potential problems are. Well, gee,
8 maybe if we find some kind of super
9 contamination that is going to cost 5 million
10 dollars extra, that's an act of God type of
11 event. But to not even look at the potential
12 for contaminated water or things like that to me
13 is irresponsible government. Thank you.

14 MR. JASICA: Robert Johnson,
15 Karol Threadgill, Bruce Swenson?

16 MR. JOHNSON: Robert Johnson. I
17 would like to also talk about the general
18 obligation bonds. That would take a vote of the
19 people that are involved who has to pay the
20 bills. I would like to third the general
21 obligation bonds. That will take a vote. That
22 will be a way of financing the project.

23 The other thing is the
24 backup systems. I understand that we are

1 keeping the wells. And so we are going to have
2 the same wells available as a backup even if we
3 go to Lake Michigan water. I'm a little
4 concerned about the science that is involved
5 with where we go.

6 We take everything from the
7 engineers, and I am an engineer, and we take
8 everything that says that's the way things are.
9 Well, I'm old enough to know that in the 1970s
10 we were entering an ice age, and that was going
11 to come for sure, but that turned into global
12 warming.

13 About 8 years ago, we had 3
14 years supply of natural gas and there wasn't
15 going to be any left. We now have a 100 year
16 supply. So this science is not always supported
17 of exactly what is happening. So that we are
18 running out of water, and yet water reports that
19 say the water is pretty good. It meets all the
20 requirements. Never has it said we had a water
21 issue in the area.

22 So I guess as we look at it,
23 I also, unlike the another gentleman I do read
24 the paper, I see the board when people weren't

1 allowed to get involved in decisions, this
2 election commission deal, the county board says
3 that's a bad thing so we are going to sue the
4 state because we want to have the local people
5 involved in the decision so we can get the
6 electorate involved.

7 So I ask you to do that. We
8 are asking here to be involved. And that would
9 have been well, it is an emergency now. The
10 window closes in another year. We have to do
11 this right now. Well, I don't think it is that
12 much of an emergency.

13 MR. JASICA: Karol Threadgill,
14 Bruce Swenson? Mr. Chairman, I have no other
15 requests for public comment or testimony.

16 MR. LAWLOR: At this time are
17 there any other comments from the public? If
18 you can fill out a card? Everyone who has not
19 spoken and who has not gotten sworn in, please
20 stand and raise your right hand.

21 (Public sworn)

22 MS. KARR: Nancy Karr. I have a
23 couple points when you were flipping through
24 your power point there. The map showed only one

1 connection point for the Village of Lindenhurst.
2 I know that we have a backup water supply with
3 our shallow wells, but maybe it would be a wise
4 thing to consider a second point of connection
5 with the Village of Lindenhurst.

6 Another question is
7 following up on the comments of the gentleman
8 about the financing. Is the interest rate fixed
9 or variable? That hasn't been addressed. I do
10 like the idea of the Illinois EPA loans at half
11 the market rate. That sounds great. It would
12 get the term of the loan down to 20 years
13 instead of 30 years.

14 My big concern is with the
15 financing because if we are paying market rates
16 for 30 years, it's going to come close to
17 doubling the cost of the project for the
18 taxpayers. Thank you.

19 MR. JASICA: Next we have of Lou
20 DiFalco, Roy Werner, John Lewis?

21 MR. DIFALCO: Lou DiFalco. Thank
22 you. Would you people mind holding up your hand
23 if you have water deficiencies at your house
24 right now? I see 3. I'm terribly sorry for you

1 for that too that you do have that problem
2 compared to the amount of people here and these
3 types of problems, 43 million dollars for what
4 is representing maybe a small handful of the
5 people in these areas? I will donate something
6 to help them. If everybody would, I think we
7 can come a lot less than 43 million dollars.

8 I would like to see -- I'm
9 not a hydrologist. I don't understand these
10 studies, but I would like to at least see one.
11 Do we really have this deficiency. We live in a
12 saturated area. This is what makes this area
13 grow is because ample water to my knowledge. I
14 would like to see a hydrology study and a
15 bonafide stamped study that has been overseen by
16 some type of government official that it is for
17 sure true. Thank you.

18 MR. JASICA: Roy Werner, John
19 Lewis, and L. Grant?

20 MR. WERNER: Hi. I'm Roy Werner
21 from Lindenhurst. I have lived here 15 years.
22 When I moved here, my taxes were \$3000. Now
23 they are \$9000. The neighborhood, the
24 Lindenhurst taxes have gone up. The garbage

1 taxes have gone up. There is 9 pensions on my
2 tax bill for Lake Villa and Lindenhurst, which I
3 don't get a pension.

4 Like the fellow said
5 earlier, the taxes are just getting to where we
6 can't afford them anymore. I notice on the map
7 back there there is like 15 forest preserves on
8 that map. The County has money for forest
9 preserves, people to maintain them, bike paths.
10 That's all great. That's what makes it a nice
11 place to live.

12 But if this water program is
13 necessary, maybe we can take a little bit of
14 money from some of the other programs that
15 benefit few and use it to pay the \$250 per lot
16 instead of tacking it on top of what we already
17 are saddled with.

18 You know, it is just like
19 our own budgets. We all have likes and wants.
20 We all would like a new car or vacation, but we
21 all have limits. The government also has to
22 have a limit and got to work within their means
23 because there is a limit to our pockets too.

24 Most of the other points I

1 would make have already been made, but I would
2 say this regarding the petition. When I counted
3 up those lot numbers roughly on the mailer we
4 got, there were like 12,000 lot numbers. I
5 don't know how any of us are going to get around
6 to 12,000 people to get signatures. You know,
7 as individuals I don't think that is even
8 possible.

9 I would beg the County since
10 they were able to send out the 20 page mailing
11 to us to send out a referendum, take a vote, let
12 the people decide.

13 MR. JASICA: John Lewis, L.
14 Grant, Tracy Castro?

15 MR. LEWIS: I'm John Lewis. I
16 got here late because I work late and traffic
17 and everything else. But from what I have
18 heard, I agree with everything I have heard in
19 the last 10 minutes. Our taxes are too high. I
20 got 2 houses on Hutchins Road. I had them a
21 long time. We got great water. I see no reason
22 to do it.

23 Everytime they come up with
24 one of these studies, if you get the right

1 people, you can get studies to say the opposite
2 thing. You always find the right people to do
3 what you want to do on a study. As somebody
4 said about getting the government, I would like
5 to see an independent not a government study.
6 For some reason I don't trust the government.

7 So anyway I want to say I'm
8 against this thing. You can drill more wells,
9 whatever you got to do. It is a lot cheaper
10 than this other stuff. I don't care what you
11 say, when you raise our taxes 200 bucks, it
12 never comes out to 200 bucks. Every time there
13 is a school referendum and you tell us how much
14 money it is going to be, it doesn't come out
15 that much.

16 Somebody mentioned about the
17 forest preserve, take a bunch of money from
18 them. I'm sorry. We got enough forest
19 preserves. You have that nice underground
20 tunnel that you spent millions of dollars and
21 screwed up Grand Avenue traffic. Take some of
22 that money. Plus the Taj Mahal on 132 -- that's
23 a whole other story.

24 MR. JASICA: L. Grant, Tracy

1 Castro?

2 MR. GRANT: I'm Larry Grant. I
3 didn't know what the population of this area
4 would be. I understand it is 12,000 residents.
5 Obviously we don't have 50 percent of them here
6 so perhaps take a little poll now. How many
7 people here are for this project? How many
8 people are against it? That says it right
9 there.

10 MR. JASICA: Tracy Castro?

11 MS. CASTRO: Hi, I am Tracy
12 Castro. I used to work for an engineer. He
13 said that this topic came up 20 to 25 years ago.
14 It is not a new topic. And part of the problem
15 -- I don't know how low the wells are and how
16 much problems they truly are at this moment.
17 Part of the problem is getting into CLCJAWA if
18 we need to.

19 So I think it might be
20 helpful if the County or the engineer or whoever
21 can explain it truthfully so that we understand
22 what happens if we don't go on now, and then in
23 10 or 15 years where else can we go for water
24 and who is going to -- because I know CLCJAWA

1 can only handle a certain amount of flow.

2 You know, I may not be
3 explaining it correctly, but I don't think
4 everybody knows what happens if we don't go with
5 it. And maybe we don't need it right now, but
6 if we don't take it now, do we lose our chance?

7 Obviously I don't want to
8 spend money. I have been out of work for a
9 year. But we need to know both things before we
10 can decide if we are for it or against it.

11 Thank you.

12 MR. JASICA: We have no further
13 requests for oral testimony.

14 MR. LAWLOR: Let it be recorded
15 that all persons desiring to be heard have been
16 given an opportunity to present oral and written
17 testimony with respect to the establishment of
18 the Special Service Area and the issuance of the
19 SSA bonds. Oral testimony and public comment
20 are now closed.

21 I just wanted to say how
22 much we really do appreciate hearing from all of
23 you and that all of you took the time to come
24 out tonight. I realize you have busy schedules

1 and a lot going on. The County Board hears a
2 lot of big issues. A lot of times people don't
3 show up to explain and articulate their
4 positions. So I think we all very much
5 appreciate so many of the members of the public
6 coming to learn about the project and articulate
7 their support.

8 The County Board has heard
9 all comment, testimony, protests, and objections
10 at this hearing. The conclusion of this hearing
11 will start the 60 day objection period, and all
12 further objections or petitions must be filed
13 with the Lake County Clerk.

14 I think we have one question
15 on process and procedure from Member Maine.

16 MS. MAINE: Thank you residents
17 for coming. I just wanted to kind of do a wrap
18 up question, and I have been taking notes, and I
19 just want to have this as a suggestion for when
20 we put answers on the website or anything that
21 we give to residents.

22 I kind of heard I think a
23 good way to organize this would be about 6
24 general areas. For example, I heard a lot of

1 questions related to why the 60 days, why the 51
2 percent, why the mailings? So to me that falls
3 under things that are legally required of us by
4 the State.

5 So I think it would be good
6 to have an explanation as to what our State
7 legal requirements that we need to follow are.
8 I think that would be helpful for people. There
9 were a lot of great questions about the studies,
10 have there been studies. So I don't know if we
11 can have as pdf links or something, because a
12 lot of these are long documents, because there
13 have been a number of studies by regional areas.
14 There is studies going back 15, 20 years by the
15 National Science Foundation looking at long-term
16 water issues. So there are a number of those
17 studies.

18 I think if we could have
19 some of those linked, both the full studies
20 which are long and those that have executive
21 summaries for people who are not a hydrologist
22 so people can look at some of those executive
23 summaries that have been done by, I don't know,
24 at least 4 or 5 different agencies, some with no

1 relationship to us as a government agency.

2 I think another area that
3 would be helpful would be really an explanation
4 of sort of the timing and the Illinois
5 Department of Natural Resources that explains
6 the allocation process. There were a number of
7 questions on the timing and explaining that as
8 long as we are moving forward in our process
9 with our allocation, we will be fine on the
10 timing. But if we don't use it, we will lose
11 it. And perhaps an explanation of the fact that
12 there is -- that the State has only so many
13 gallons that they are allowed to allocate and
14 that we are almost near the end of that
15 allocation.

16 So in terms of that endless
17 resource, there is only a certain number, and we
18 have a percent, and after that that is gone.
19 Other people are not able to get on. I think
20 that would be helpful.

21 A fourth area I think would
22 be helpful would be related to health issues,
23 explaining about perhaps the radium that is in
24 the deep wells. The radium level which

1 long-term exposure does cause bone cancer. And
2 the barium, the long-term relationship of that.
3 The studies about that going up in the deep
4 wells. As people use the shallow wells, perhaps
5 an explanation of how towns need to blend their
6 shallow and deep wells to make sure that they
7 are under those levels.

8 You can touch on the mercury
9 question and the bio accumulation of how those
10 metals are different when they are in water and
11 in fish.

12 Number 5 would be different
13 explanations of some of the different financing
14 options that are out there. Maybe some examples
15 of some of the things that we have done in the
16 past with other SSA's. Looking at both the
17 options and explanations of the rationale behind
18 different ones. Sometimes pushing costs to the
19 long-term users.

20 And then I think the sixth
21 one would be different engineering options in
22 terms of why, you know, again there was a
23 schematic, but sort of talk about some of the
24 engineering and the sorts of things that people

1 brought up. Water pressure, perhaps going into
2 that. Water treatment, in terms of bacterial.
3 Water purity. Things that CLCJAWA does
4 currently.

5 I think about those 6 areas,
6 I think that kind of hits it. That might be a
7 helpful way for people here to go to the website
8 and for people in the future kind of
9 categorizing it that way. Do you think we can
10 do it this way?

11 MR. LAWLOR: Absolutely. I'd
12 like to thank member and professor Ann Maine.

13 PUBLIC: Is there a website?

14 (Discussion with members)

15 MR. LAWLOR: This will be on the
16 County website. Lake County IL dot Gov / Lake
17 Michigan Water.

18 PUBLIC: So the referendum is
19 out? It is to you people now?

20 MR. LAWLOR: The process for the
21 SSA hearing is to allow everybody to speak. We
22 have closed that. If you have questions, please

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24 PUBLIC: You didn't answer the

1 question. It's in your hands? Not our hands
2 anymore?

3 MR. LAWLOR: I'm honestly not
4 going to entertain public comment after it is
5 closed. You can pose questions to staff. At
6 this time I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

7 (Motion by Member Maine, second by Member
8 Taylor) Roll call?

9 MR. WALLER: Member Pedersen?

10 MEMBER PEDERSEN: Aye.

11 MR. WALLER: Member Hewitt?

12 MEMBER HEWITT: Aye.

13 MR. WALLER: Member Weber?

14 MEMBER WEBER: Aye.

15 MR. WALLER: Member Carter?

16 MEMBER CARTER: Aye.

17 MR. WALLER: Member Carey?

18 MEMBER CAREY: Aye.

19 MR. WALLER: Member Carlson?

20 MEMBER CARLSON: Aye.

21 MR. WALLER: Member Durkin?

22 MEMBER DURKIN: Aye.

23 MR. WALLER: Member O'Kelly?

24 MEMBER O'KELLY: Aye.

1 MR. WALLER: Member Sauer?

2 MEMBER SAUER: Aye.

3 MR. WALLER: Member Lawlor?

4 MEMBER LAWLOR: Aye.

5 MR. WALLER: Member Taylor?

6 MEMBER TAYLOR: Aye.

7 MR. WALLER: Member Maine?

8 MEMBER MAINE: Aye.

9 MR. JASICA: Motion carries.

10 Hearing is adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

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